if so, why those who have been found not fit for continuing in service on account of superannuation are appointed again and put in charge of wards."

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The Deans are retired Government officers. They have got very high qualifications and mature experience and it was thought fit to employ them for this purpose. I have already mentioned the reasons why the Dean of the General Hospital has been permitted to do this extra duty."

DR. K. B. MENON :—" Because the work of management of hospitals nowadays claims a considerable amount of time and also expert knowledge, will the Government consider the separation of the executive work and the professional work so far as the Deans are concerned? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" There is no professional work which the Deans are doing."

MR. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member refers to administrative duties."

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The Dean is permitted only to give opinions and guidance to the Registrar who consults him regarding the cases in his ward."

SRI C. RAJAM RAMASAMY :—" May I know the remuneration paid to the Deans? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Their scale of pay is Rs. 900—1,200."

Death of a prisoner while in the police lock-up in Vaniyambadi.

* 1145 Q.—SRI P. RANGASWAMI REDDIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state with reference to starred question No. 412 answered on 26th March 1954—

(*a*) what exactly are the suspicious circumstances under which the prisoner met with his death;

(*b*) the age and physical condition of the prisoner when he went into the Police station;

(*c*) what the report of post-mortem examination disclosed; and

(*d*) if the Police were responsible for the death of the prisoner whether any action has been taken against the persons concerned?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) The prisoner who was suspected in a case of theft was brought to the Vaniyambadi Taluk Police station on 24th October 1953 and was put in the lock-up. Some time later he was found hanging by means of a dhoti, one end of which was secured to a nail protruding out of a wall and the other end round his neck. Police Constable No. 1833 who was in the station at

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that time brought down the prisoner with the aid of his mother and attempted to render first-aid. The prisoner did not revive but died soon afterwards.

"(b) The prisoner was aged 21 years. According to the medical officer who conducted the post-mortem examination, the body was that of a well-nourished, well-built adult. It must therefore be presumed that at the time when he was locked up, he must have been in a normal physical condition.

"(c) The post-mortem certificate disclosed that there were thirteen external injuries consisting of abrasions and contusions on the body.

"(d) The Sub-Collector, Tiruppattur, held an enquiry into the cause of death of the prisoner as required by the Police Standing Order No. 157. He came to the finding that the prisoner must have died as a result of his having been beaten by Police Constable No. 1833. He also found that the Police had made it appear that the prisoner committed suicide by hanging himself. Police Constable No. 1833 was therefore charged with having committed an offence under section 302, Indian Penal Code (murder) and the case against him was tried by the Sessions Judge, Vellore. The Sessions Judge found him guilty under section 325, Indian Penal Code (grievous hurt), convicted him under that section and sentenced him to undergo rigorous imprisonment for four years.

Departmental action is being taken against the Sub-Inspector of Police and the head constable and some other Police constables who were attached to the station at that time on account of certain irregularities that came to light during the enquiry by the Sub-Collector, Tiruppattur."

SRI P. RANGASWAMI REDDIAR :—"Apart from the report of the post-mortem examination, is there a separate report by the Personal Assistant to the Collector regarding the causes of death and as to whether the Sub-Inspector or anybody else in charge of the station at that time was present at the time of the torture or not?"

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—"The whole matter has been tried by a proper court and sentences have been awarded. As far as the officers are concerned, we are taking departmental action."

Absorption of Rural Welfare Officers in the National Extension Service Scheme.

* 1146 *Q.*—SRI K. R. SAMBANDAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many Rural Welfare Officers have been absorbed in the National Extension Service Scheme; and

(*b*) their scales of pay, before and after absorption?